

### **SHORT PORTRAIT**



The path of dolphin aid is inseparably intertwined with the fate of Tim, the son of the founder of dolphin aid Kirsten Kuhnert almost drowned in an unsecured pool. Emergency doctors gave him back his physical life. However, this life was surrounded by a wall', for 16 months Tim was in a coma. Helpless doctors, a desperate family. Last hope: Dolphin therapy in Florida. Indeed the dolphins were able to break down the wall. Tim's awakening marks the birth hour of dolphin aid.

### dolphin aid helps

Since its founding in 1995 by Kirsten Kuhnert, dolphin aid has supported and advised thousands of families. Thus dolphin aid enabled provable and significant progress in the development of countless special-needs-kids who had been given up on by recognized medicine.





of classic, medical therapies.

# Why dolphin therapy

The physical progress that can be reached through dolphin therapy for the little special-needs-patients is the beginning of their physical rehabilitation. For the parents these steps not only mean hope for a more independent life of their special-needs-children, but also the certainty that their children through dolphin therapy in most cases even reach the ability for therapy in the sense



### The spectrum of competence

General help and support of the needs of special-needs-people

Integration of special-needs-people in society

The completion and support of dolphin assisted therapy, priority: children

Rehabilitation of sick and special-needs-people, priority: children

Help for abused children and adults

Emergency programs

The financial support of socially weak families

Care of families at the places of therapy

Completion of all traveling arrangements for the patients and their company

Therapeutic escort and support

Negotiations with therapy centers, hotels and airlines etc. about special conditions in favor of the respective patients and their company

Generating of donations and sponsors

Preparation of sponsoring concepts dolphin aid therapy

Acquisition of permanent donors

Creation of support networks

Partnership and cooperation with other organizations

Administration of donations

Media and public relation work

dolphin aid's own NEWSLETTER

The support of alternative methods of special neets children and adult patients



## The spectrum of competence

The support of rehabilitation arrangements for preparation and follow-up of dolphin assisted therapy

The support of research and science

Recognition of dolphin aid therapy through the health system

Recognition of dolphin aid therapy as benefit of the statutory health insurances

Development of new help- and healing devices (e.g. waterproofed-EEG)

Completion of scientific congresses

Advice in medical questions

Legal advice

Family counseling

Support of scientific thesises with the topic concerning dolphin aid therapy

Creation of treatment concepts

Creation of certification guidelines for dolphin aid therapy

Certification of dolphin assisted therapy centers

Development of training protocol for therapists of dolphin aid therapy

Creation of examination criteria for certification of a dolphin aid therapist

Supervision and controlling in compliance with dolphin aid certification guide lines

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#### dolphin aid: Trust in competence